

SHIPPING.

The main feature has been the replacement of sailing-vessels loading for San Francisco by steamers bound for Europe. The figures in detail are set out in the accompanying tables.

Port Facilities.—Improvements effected during the year include the installation of an “Aga” light as a leading-light on Vaea Hill, and the laying-down of an Admiralty-type buoy at the mail-boat moorings.

Statistics.—The accompanying tables set out the position in detail for the past year :—

RECEIPTS AT CUSTOMHOUSE, APIA.

(To nearest Pound Sterling.)

Quarter ended	Import Duty.	Export Duty.	Shipping Fees.	Stevedoring and Shed Fees.	Taxes and Native Travelling- passes.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
June, 1922	10,649	3,052	467	267	3,889	203	18,527
September, 1922 ..	9,087	3,053	403	261	4,701	240	17,744
December, 1922 ..	16,939	4,454	577	220	765	274	23,229
March, 1923	8,999	5,713	516	141	770	300	16,438
Totals, year 1922-23	45,673	16,272	1,963	889	10,125	1,017	75,938
Totals, year 1921-22	56,824	14,395	1,779	1,209	9,540	653	84,400

Overseas Shipping, Port of Apia.

Quarter ended	—	Steam.			Sailing.			Total.		
		No.	Tons.	Cargo.	No.	Tons.	Cargo.	No.	Tons.	Cargo.

INWARDS.

June, 1922	British Foreign	22	15,585	2,272	1	229	323	23	15,814	2,595
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September, 1922 ..	British Foreign	22	15,585	2,272	1	229	323	23	15,814	2,595
		24	11,048	2,293	..	..	..	24	11,048	2,293
		3	5,488	7	..	..	..	3	5,488	7
December, 1922 ..	British Foreign	27	16,536	2,300	..	..	..	27	16,536	2,300
		22	15,385	2,746	..	..	..	22	15,385	2,746
		1	136	..	1	496	262	2	632	262
March, 1923	British Foreign	23	15,521	2,746	1	496	262	24	16,017	3,008
		18	14,386	1,459	..	..	..	18	14,386	1,459
		..	..	..	1	496	..	1	496	..
Year ended 31/3/1923	British Foreign	18	14,386	1,459	1	496	..	19	14,882	1,459
		86	56,404	8,770	1	229	323	87	56,633	9,093
		4	5,510	7	2	992	262	6	6,502	269
Year ended 31/3/1922	British Foreign	90	61,914	8,777	3	1,221	585	93	63,135	9,362
		72	71,594	11,155	..	..	..	72	61,594	11,155
		5	2,822	59	4	2,465	745	9	5,287	804
		77	74,416	11,214	4	2,465	745	81	66,881	11,959

OUTWARDS.

June, 1922	British Foreign	24	15,955	2,884	1	229	..	25	16,184	2,884
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		24	15,955	2,884	1	229	..	25	16,184	2,884